

If, as the National Association of Broadcasters has stated, "there is no doubt the 175 million daily listeners of local radio stations know that the best and most reliable source for news, school closings, and weather and traffic alerts continues to be their local broadcasters.", then there is no reason for terrestrial broadcast stations to fear competition from satellite radio broadcasters when they offer localized programming through repeaters. GET REAL! This is the age of deregulation - as the FCC already knows so well, considering its recent experience in accommodating monopolistic broadcast giants such as Clear Channel Communications.

I support the right of satellite broadcasters such as XM Radio and Sirius to offer localized programming such as weather and traffic conditions. I urge the FCC to support this position. Bring on the competition! - It's the way of free enterprise.